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- 25X1 1. About 4 June 1953, ninety-eight members of the Iraqi Lawyers' Association presented a petition to King Faisal, Prime Minister Jamil Madfal, and other ranking Iraqi officials, demanding that Iraq not involve itself in the Middle East Defense Organization and protesting the continuance of Martial Law in Baghdad. The signatories varied in political orientation from Socialists to Communists.
2. The petition was drafted by the communist members of the Lawyers' Association.
3. The following communist members of the Lawyers' Association were signatories of the petition:
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| Kasib al-Sa'd | Jalal 'Abd-al-Rahman |
| 'Abd-al-Ghani Mutter | Abid Farhan al-Ani ² |
| Kazim Ja'far al-Muhami | 'Abd-al-Razzaq Zubayr |
| 'Aziz al-Husni | Ibrahim al-Darkazalli ³ |
| Fawzi Mahdi al-Ahmar | 'Abd-al-Wahhab al-Hassak ⁴ |
| Talib Jamil | Awad 'Ali Najm |
| Da'ud al-Sayigh ¹ | Tawfiq Munir |

- 25X1 Comments.
1. Sayigh was released from prison on 18 March 1953 after having served his sentence for Communism.
 2. Ani is the editor of al-Ittihad, an evening newspaper in Baghdad, which has leftist tendencies and runs communist cartoons.
 3. Darkazalli is a member of the Administration Committee of the Iraqi Lawyers' Association.
 4. Hassak was tried for possession of communist leaflets in March 1952 and was acquitted and released on 6 May 1952.

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